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Title: "Controlled Hydration of Starch § Atty. Docket: 154-9245-US
in High Density Brine Dispersion" §

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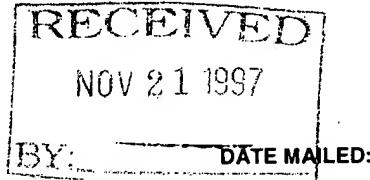
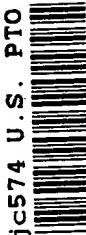
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An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. However, the items indicated below are missing. The required items and fees identified below must be timely submitted ALONG WITH THE PAYMENT OF A SURCHARGE for items 1 and 3-6 only of \$ _____ for a large entity small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27. The surcharge is set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required above to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Additional claim fees of \$ _____, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.
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3. The oath or declaration:

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 does not identify the application to which it applies.
 does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

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